

Hello. I am Michelle Herrington, President of the Village of Applegate, over in Sanilac County.

We do get the lake effect snow as many others do here in Mich. Sanilac County is the 18th largest county in Mich. With a total of 1,590 sq. miles of mostly rural land. It has 5 county garage locations with a total of 26 trucks and 5 graters. As it stands now Applegate roads are not 1st, 2nd, or even 3rd priority in Sanilac County, in case of heavy snow fall it could be a good day before the county even gets the county road that runs through our village cleaned off, and 3-4 days before they even try our local back roads. Even if the county gets more money, these facts won't change, simply because of the size of our large, rural county and the fact that our county is already hurting financially.

By allowing the villages and other small towns to keep their street funding the taxpayers money will be spent in their own communities. This money should be coming from the fuel tax as is, and should be used as villages or small towns see fit, not how the county sees fit.

The county can only plow the snow, they don't remove the snow. Our village has to plow the roadways, load the snow and move in across the village to an empty field, because if we only plowed, the way the county does, the snow would be blown onto the curbs and onto the sidewalks. The contractor we hired plows our streets, removes the snow to the field and assists our residents in digging out by not adding to the snow at the ends of their driveways. Without our street funding our residents will be snowed in a lot longer than ever before, because there will be no way to pay for the excellent service we currently have.

Thank You.